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MEMORANDUM
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To: All NSLP Sponsors

From: Pat Cook, Consultant
Office of Child Nutrition and School Health

Subject: School Meals Programs: Verification Procedures and Hurricane Katrina

The USDA has asked that the Nevada Department of Education to share this memo with local school food authorities. The following are the guidelines for School Year 2006 concerning verification of free and reduced price applications for areas affected by Hurricane Katrina:

- Local educational agencies that are in jurisdictions which are federally declared disaster areas are not required to do any verification;
- For those local educational agencies that have experienced an influx of students from areas affected by Hurricane Katrina, State agencies have the authority to extend the completion deadline to later in the school year or to waive it if warranted;
- Families who have been displaced due to Hurricane Katrina are not subject to verification because they are considered homeless;
- Further guidance will be coming on completion of the FNS-742, the School Food Authority Verification Summary Report.

Local educational agencies affected by Hurricane Katrina may submit August and September claims by December 31, 2005, without a request for waiver of the 60-day deadline due.

If there are any questions concerning this policy, please contact this office.